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Title: **METHODS OF OBTAINING AND USING  
MANUFACTURER COMPUTER HARDWARE  
CONFIGURATION DATA (as amended)**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 8, 2004**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following arguments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.